

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – February 17, 2021

Time: 7:32 PM – 9:03 PM

Members Present: Ben Franklin, Richard Smith, Jer Jurma, Ingrid Strong, Sylvia Belkin, Andrew Steingiser

Members Absent: None

Location: Virtual Meeting - the public hearing was video recorded.

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **21HDC-04 (14 Devens Rd)** – Request to replace current storm windows with new, Harvey wood and weather-resistant windows. (Parcel ID: 4-98). Maura Sutherland, applicant and homeowner, was present.

Following the presentation of the petition by Ms. Sutherland, Commissioner Jer Jurma stated that the photos submitted show problems with the frame, not the windows themselves, and is therefore not confident moving ahead to approve petition.

Ms. Sutherland inquired about what would happen if, in the case of rotting, a contractor was required to then do a wood replacement.

J. Jurma stated that Commission cannot approve the Harvey product because it is not designed for this type of construction.

M. Sutherland concluded that she would prefer new construction over new replacement, and will talk with her neighbors across the street who went through the same process.

MOTION: J. Jurma to continue petition to March 4, 2021. I. Strong seconds; unanimously approved.

- b. **21HDC-06 (121 Greenwood Ave)** – Request to construct two-story, wood-framed addition at rear of home, six feet of which will be seen from public way. (Parcel ID: 19-70) Mimi & Steven Spillane, applicants and homeowners, were present.

Petitioners came back to Commission with full-scale architectural drawings that adequately displayed the proposed addition in relation to the original structure.

MOTION: R. Smith to approve Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions:

- The windows, Andersen brand, will be 1:1 paneling
- The proposed windows will be aligned with existing windows
- The proposed door will be centered left so as to align under proposed window
- The exterior siding to be HardiePlank clapboard

I. Strong seconds motion; unanimously approved.

- c. **21HDC-07 (44 Grant Rd)** – Request to install cedar fence and gates are rear of house. (Parcel ID: 16-50)

MOTION: I. Strong to continue to March 4, 2021. R. Smith seconds; unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commission will pool together more detailed resources to help residents who need window repair. Will share findings with Marissa and will discuss further in March.